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1. As the result of the Chinese Communist regulation that a farmer who owns land may cultivate only to the limit of his personal capacity and without employing other labor, a surplus of cultivatable land and of labor is to be expected in Sinkiang Province. The labor surplus will be aggravated by the activities of army personnel, who are carrying out all public works and also cultivating all fallow land, from which the produce is to be turned over to the government. It is therefore expected that this spring there will be an acute problem in Sinkiang Province caused by many unemployed existing near the starvation level. [redacted] this prospect was already causing much dissatisfaction among farmers, who also feared that the situation might be exploited to bring about a redistribution of land, a measure which the new government had promised not to introduce in Sinkiang Province.

2. [redacted] work in Tihua hospitals was frequently stopped in order to enable the medical staff to attend lectures on Communism. 50X1-HUM

3. A plan for new national highways includes the reconstruction of the motor road between Tacheng (Chuguchak - 82-57, 46-46) and Lanchou, Kansu Province. The work will be a military enterprise.*
4. The Hami-Ata air service now terminates at Hami, as the service to Chiuchuan proved uneconomical.**
5. All aviation gas is brought by truck from Tashkent.

6. [redacted] a battalion of Chinese Communist troops was stationed at 50X1-HUM
Maral Dashi (Pach'u - 78-15. 39-46).*

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7. A regiment of Chinese Communist troops had arrived at Ch'enghua (Altai - 88-07, 47-52) [redacted] and was engaged in gold mining.* [redacted]

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8. [redacted] workshops in Tihua were working to capacity and had repaired 142 armored cars in 40 days.*

Tungan Revolt

9. The revolt of Tungan troops at Ch'angnai (87-14, 44-04) was attributed in part to the troops' unwillingness to take part in Sinkiang's spring agricultural program. Local authorities were [redacted] calling on the revolting troops not to listen to the Nationalist special service units which were urging them to revolt, and were pointing out to them their small chance of success against 200,000 Chinese Communist troops, half of whom had fought victoriously elsewhere.***

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10. [redacted] some barracks in Tihua were burned down, and sabotage was suspected.

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* [redacted] Comment. This information appeared in the Tihua newspapers.

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** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Hami-Ata air service had been extended to Chiuchuan [redacted]

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*** [redacted] Comment. This information appeared in the local newspapers. Judging by the number of troops sent to quell the revolt, the Chinese Communist army authorities were much concerned about it.

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